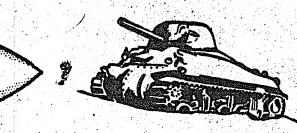


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G. I. Summary
Of World News

By SGT. O. J. REMINGTON

As a silence after a terrific din seems to be more noisy than the noise itself—so seems the emptiness caused by the lack of traffic these days.

Already dwinging rapidly due to increased severity of rationing of gasoline and difficulty in securing new tires, the din and roar of traffic will probably have to give way to the self-same way.

But with the ban on motor traffic for any sort of pleasure purpose suddenly clamped down on the seaboard states even the shadow has very little substance any longer.

The American mobilist took the new regulations with the same good nature with which he faced previous curtailments in his driving. But that isn't actually news, of course. It WOULD have been news if he hadn't taken it that way, for the American public does all along the line and are prepared to face a great many worse things.

Implications contained in the new regulations are wide, however, and the future of many businesses depending upon traffic must perform a dark and gloomy. That Americans can and will do without anything else they have to take, however, is shown by the way that public ciliated driving.

DANGEROUS OPTIMISM

A TREND of thought that might be dangerous to the United Nations cause is the "unfounded optimism" which appears to be sweeping the way through various nations' thinking. The general trend of thought seemed to be that a bit of favorable news here and there—Russia's advances in Africa and elsewhere, the successes in the Solomons of American arms—presaged certain victory over Japan in the war. In fact there appeared some danger that many people were beginning to shrug their shoulders and say "Why push things any longer? why work our heads off now; why sacrifice and risk any more effort? because we've got it all out the shooting!"

So dangerous is such a trend of thought that official quarters in Washington look cognizance of it and went so far as to issue statements warning against such ideas.

General tenor of the statement: That a victory is assured and there does not need a successful campaign to bring about any conclusion of the war. That Germany is strongly entrenched and that it will take even more efforts on the part of all of us to bring her to her knees. And that even when that is done, we still have a specific task ahead of us of bringing Japan to HEEL knees.

The official Washington is serious about all of this is shown, too, by announcement that the Treasury Department will start a new borrowing campaign, while Secretary Morgenthau figures will begin about April. The treasury, incidentally, has just completed the "greatest money-raising triumph in history," to quote George Cullen, Associated Press writer in a recent story. The treasury sought \$100,000,000,000, actually raised \$12,000,000,000. New approach was the fourth Liberty Loan drive of the last war when \$6,000,000,000 was subscribed. Secretary Morgenthau did not set a new goal for the contemplated new campaign.

SOVIETS SMASH FORWARD

SMASHING new successes continue to be reported by the Russian Red Army as it plowed ahead around the Baltic. The Red sector Germany finally admitted during the last week that her armies were being badly mauled by the Russians.

American planes are smashing the Japanese at Tunis, although the land defense there has been stalled. British planes kept up a steady bombing at vital German manufacturing towns.

Although Nazi subs sank fewer American ships in December than in previous months, the U-boat menace, according to OWI Director Elmer Davis, is still very serious. Recent reports indicate he said that the Japs are massing a large armada near the Solomons, presumably indicating another major drive on the Islands. Several attempts by the Japs to reinforce their dwindling manpower in the Isles there have been beaten off, however, and according to the Navy, there have been no Japanese landings or reinforcements or supplies on Guadalcanal in recent weeks. The destroyers which are based on the Islands have been intercepted by airmen and torpedo boats and none got through. A short time later American warplanes attacked a Jap transport and reported possible hit on the stern of the ship.

An American Fifth Army, to be commanded by General Mark Wayne Clark, now is being assembled in the Islands. (Continued on Page 5)



2 Crack Shots Get 'Possible' On 1000' Range

A new record was established by members of the 10th Company, First Student Training Regiment when two members emerged with "possibles" in record shooting on the Landon 37MM, 1000 inch range.

They are Candidates Fred

A. McKinley, who each chalked up scores of 200, believed to be the first time in the history of the Infantry School that this has been done by two members of a class. The class, in the company company, is Captain Martin Lee, also produced 54 experts for an average of 27.3 per cent; while 21.6 per cent finished as first class gunners and 23.7 per cent were classified as second class gunners.

New Unit Has Experienced Commanders

Colonels McKee,
Long Are Familiar
Benning Figures

Col. Richard G. McKee, commanding officer, and Lt. Col. Thomas T. Long, executive officer, who have been named to posts in the 300th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, have had long and distinguished careers.

Colonel McKee, formerly exec-

utive officer of the School Troops Brigade for the past few years has been a familiar figure at The Infantry School.

After graduating from West Point in 1918, Colonel McKee served in France, Germany and Poland until 1922. Returning to the United States, he went to the 5th Infantry and then to the R. O. T. C. at the University of Maine. In 1930 he attended the C. course at The Infantry School.

From 1931 to 1935, Colonel McKee was with the 17th Infantry in Vancouver Barracks. From 1935 to 1938, he served in Hawaii, returning to study at the Leavenworth Command and General Staff School.

JONNS TISS STAFF

In 1939 Colonel McKee joined the staff of The Infantry School as a tactics instructor. In 1940 he became operations officer for the School and during the expansion of the institution's largest expansion Colonel McKee became executive officer of the School Troops Brigade in 1942, serving in that position until his present assignment as commanding officer of the 300th.

Col. Long, until recently

was assigned with the 124th Infantry here. Col. Long, a native of Florida, has been a national guardsman for many years, starting his service in 1920, and going

(See Col. McKee, Page 7)

COMING IN FOR A TWO-POINT LANDING are members of the feathered division of the signal corps—carrier pigeons—that today are playing a vital part in the war effort. Sometimes the equipment for faster means of army communications such as wireless, typified by the slender tower of steel in the background, cannot be used in battle. It is then that the carefully-trained, faithful carrier pigeons, shown in training at Fort Benning, come into service as winged couriers, carrying messages that often mean the difference between life and death for American doughboys. (Signal lab photo by Kortmeier.)

Carrier Pigeons Trained For War On Reservation

16-Man Staff of Expert Fanciers
Maintains Thousand-Bird Loft

The bird of peace is being turned into a war-bird at Fort Benning these days, and a mighty important one, too.

The bird, of course, is the dove, or pigeon, which under new set-up whereby civilian fanciers are turning over their highly trained message-carriers to the Army, is assuming increased importance as a bird of war.

Hundreds of American fanciers and trainees have responded to the new appeal and have begun to send their birds to the Army. The new breeding lofts at Fort Benning will be one of three main breeding grounds, the others being located at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Combat training units are established at Camp Crowder, Camp Claiborne, La., and Fort Meade, Md.

At Fort Benning, the pigeon loft soon will have 1,000 birds, which will be used for breeding, breeding purposes and a new "show and training" center for the birds is being established.

TO COMBAT UNITS After a period of initial training and "indoctrination" into Army methods, the young birds will be shipped to combat units all across the country for combat purposes of their training. They will be used aboard ships at sea, on bomber planes; in mobile units with land troops, and with paratroopers.

The pigeon loft at Fort Benning has been in operation for about 10 years, but with one man in charge of 25 birds. Today Lt. Arthur M. Lehman, formerly of Columbus, O., who had made a hobby of raising and training pigeons in civilian life, is in charge of the enlarged loft. The enlarged loft program assisted 15 men. One of the men is Sgt. Lester Bolander, Baltimore, whose family has been raising pigeons by the hundreds for three generations. His grandfather brought over 50 pigeons from Europe and his father carried on the work, crossing strains and building up new ones until the family today is one of the best known in the pigeon breeding world.

PIGEON IMPORTANT In spite of the radio, telephone and other new and rapid means of communication, the pigeon is assuming an increasing importance in modern warfare, being more useful than they were back in the days of Richard the Lionhearted or even farther back, when Alexander the Great employed them to carry messages.

Today they have been credited with saving lives of many English pilots shot down in the English Channel. They were used to carry back to England messages from the Dieppe Raid, and are in constant use in all of the theaters.

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Soldiers Advised To Eat On Post

The OPA has advised Fort Benning officers and men to eat on the post if they possibly can as a means of aiding in gasoline conservation. The rationing officials are doing this week.

While soldiers are still entitled

to use public transportation facilities to come to town and eat, it would be considered a violation of the OPA code for soldiers to eat on the post unless they have no other arrangement to eat on duty.

The ruling that soldiers should drive to downtown restaurants only if a strict personal necessity came after off-duty restaurant owner wired the OPA in Atlanta for clarification of the policy.

'City' Of Tents Houses Troops At Rifle Range

Tigers Make Move
To Conserve Gas,
Rubber, and Oil

In scarcely more than two days a complete "tent city" has sprung up at the 10th Armored's new Carmough Rifle Range.

Built by the 55th Engineers, the "city" will enable Division units to stay overnight at the range, thereby saving a great deal of time and precious gas and rubber that would be used up if organizations had to travel back and forth. The area, which consists of 250 pyramidal tents, can house approximately 1,300 men. An armament company, the tanks at one time and facilities are set up to enable commanding officers to run their organizations just as smoothly as they do back at Sand Hill. A telephone system from the CP to Sand Hill exchange has been installed.

The tents, which are lined up to form company streets, are framed with wood. Every tent is equipped with a Sibley stove and each has clothes racks to keep them neat. Each kitchen unit which will come in mighty handy when it comes to digging out foxholes.

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Juvenile Delinquency No Problem on Post

Reports of increased juvenile delinquency due to the social upheaval naturally caused by turning a peaceful country into one that is bending every effort toward producing war-goods, war-gear and warriors, are alarming American sociologists.

Following the trend of conditions in England, this increase in juvenile delinquency was expected in America where, fortunately, organizations were geared in advance in an attempt to meet and solve the problem. Tremendous strain thrown upon such social-work agencies, however, quite apparently has made it impossible to keep up with the trend.

Family life is being changed with mothers going into war plants while fathers are in the Army or are working longer hours away from home. Other families are being uprooted and are going into cities where war industries are set up, thus causing problems due to overcrowding which are unavoidable during such times.

Studies of the problem made in New York show delinquency soaring 22 per cent above normal child neglect by parents increasing about 28 per cent, and admissions of children to foster homes rising alarmingly.

No study appears to have been made in Georgia or in what is called the "Benning Area" but here at Fort Benning itself, there is no delinquency problem and social agencies and others interested in meeting and solving these problems might well take a page from Fort Benning's methods for handling the juveniles here on the post.

There is nothing very new in the methods, but the very fact that work is being done for and with boys and girls who live on the post—for which no funds are provided and for which no elaborate social service set-up is established—should prove of great import for such organizations as are set up with funds and staffs.

Here on the reservation the Boys Activities Athletic Association under direction of Lt. Col. Virgil Ney offers a full and extremely varied program for nearly 300 boys ranging from six up to high school age. And Girl Scout activities and others are established for the girls on the post.

Through the unselfish donation of their own time, Col. Ney and parents of the children who can spare any time at all from their own arduous work, are able to provide such a variety of programs that all of the children are able to have some absorbing interest.

There is nothing so very new about any of that, of course. But what is probably new and different is that Col. Ney has the foresight to turn the natural ambitions of the boys on the post toward the new and all-absorbing interests in the War. Hikes are turned into "reconnaissance scouting expeditions" and the boys scarcely realize that they are getting a lot of nature lost through their "new" activity. Cooking over an open camp fire, which is part of normal Scout procedure, becomes a means of preparing food in beleaguered territory.

For the youngest boys on the Fort, Col. Ney has established the "Benning Rangers," patterned after the famous Rogers Rangers of Revolutionary War fame. These youngsters even have wooden models of the Garand rifle of which to be extremely proud.

Thus the natural interests of boys and girls is turned to advantage—and the beauty of it all is that in this enlarged program facing those interested in the welfare of juveniles no more cost is entailed than in the days of peace.

For social agencies interested in the question of how to meet the new problems facing them, there may be some hints for their activities in all of this.

The Naturalized Soldier And An All-American Army

The announcement of the large number of Fort Benning men who have become citizens while serving in the armed forces is in line with the objective of the government to make it an "all-American" Army and Navy through naturalization of every alien in service.

The drive to naturalize all alien soldiers is part of a two-pronged drive under way by the government. The second "prong" is a drive to naturalize the civilian relatives of all alien soldiers and sailors.

Many of these, says the government, regard themselves as patriotic Americans at heart, but have never before "gotten around" to becoming citizens. However, war has changed their attitude and they now wish to range themselves beside sons and brothers who are taking advantage of the new naturalization laws.

As a result, the dawning New Year is expected to set an all-time record for the number of persons who will seize upon the privilege of American citizenship.

During 1942, a total of 343,487 persons applied for naturalization papers, topping by more than 50,000 the previous record of 277,807 established in 1941. The flood of applications and naturalization during 1943 is certain to rise above even these marks.

One big reason is that Uncle Sam has made

an endorsement by the War Department or its personnel of Fort Benning's contribution to all units that make up Fort Benning.

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so much easier for aliens in the armed services to become citizens. Under the second war power act, men in the armed services may now become naturalized 90 days after induction.

The President's Garb Symbol of Americanism

Newspaper offices, like any other place of business where large or small groups of people gather day after day to earn their bread, thereby establishing an esprit de corps in a common effort, are often scenes of furious yet friendly arguments on one point or another.

THE BAYONET office is no different from any other such place of business, and recently this point came up: why does the President of the United States, exercising his Constitutional rights as commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces of this nation, never appear in a military uniform?

Several logical answers were offered, but the most satisfactory one has come forth from a book published recently by Appleton-Century, a volume which Captain Russell J. Hammargren, post public relations officer, reviews in the current issue of the "Journalism Quarterly" and which he terms a "must" on the reading list of every soldier and civilian who is a potential soldier.

The book is entitled "School of the Citizen Soldier" and was adapted from the educational program of the Second Army, commanded by Lt. General Ben Lear, and edited by Lt. Colonel Robert A. Griffin and Lt. Col. Ronald M. Shaw.

We can't remember whether Captain Hammargren was present when the argument was waxing heatedly, but the discussion of the President's garb as explained in the volume did catch his eye for he quotes it in his review of the work. Prefacing the quotation with the statement that the passage illustrates why the book is good, factual propaganda, the reviewer offers this paragraph for our military and lay education:

"... by wearing the garb of the citizen when he reviews the Army or Navy of the United States, the commander-in-chief enhances the dignity of the uniforms of the armed forces, for in a democracy the uniform is the symbol not of tyranny or dictatorship but of service on the part of free men in the preservation of the ideals and the protection of the homes of free people."

Thus, by retaining the apparel of the people whom men in uniform represent in this greatest of battles for individual and collective freedom, the President's garb is an ever-present reminder that American soldiers in the vast majority are civilians. They have doffed temporarily their civilian uniforms just as they have laid aside their civilian pursuits to take up arms in the service of their country and of all free men. When that job is completed, and not until, will they again clad themselves in their military garb. The President's civilian uniform is indeed the symbol of everything the Army can holds dear and closest to his heart. Militarism is one of these only when our way of life and our precious liberties are endangered.

National Service Insurance Is A Sound Investment

We could write columns about the value of the National Service Life Insurance, but we figure that what soldiers are interested in is "how much" and "what are the benefits." All we can do, in urging you that investigate National Service Life Insurance—and quickly—is to answer these two questions in the following box:

HOW MUCH: For the \$10,000 policy, the following rates:

	Monthly Premium
18	\$6.40
19	\$6.50
20	\$6.50
21	\$6.50
22	\$6.60
23	\$6.60
24	\$6.70
25	\$6.70
26	\$6.80
27	\$6.90
28	\$6.90
29	\$7.00

(As the age increases, the premium amounts go up in ratio a few cents.)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS: A \$10,000 policy would, in the event of your death, pay to your beneficiary:

If under 30, a monthly income for 20 years of \$55.10.

If under 30 years of age, a monthly life income of \$59.70.

If 40 years of age, a monthly life income of \$45.00.

If 50 years of age, a monthly life income of \$35.90.

If 60 years of age, a monthly life income of \$26.10.

Increased premiums for higher ages.

Says Lt. John W. Inzer, post insurance office:

"National Service Life Insurance is not compulsory. But it is such a good offer at such low rates, rates that only service men can obtain, that we are trying in every way possible to get it across to the men. And here's a point. The monthly premium can be taken from soldier's pay each month so that he will not be bothered with the details of looking after the premiums.

For your own sake and the sake of your loved ones, investigate National Service Life Insurance now."

One big reason is that Uncle Sam has made

Eve Says

SHE'S FED UP WITH WOMEN IN SLACKS ON CITY STREETS; BAC ON, BUTTER HOARDERS

A famous radio comedian opens his program with the phrase, "Monkeys are the funniest people". Funnier than monkeys are women, for they adopt strange and awful fashions and trends, no matter how silly or unattractive such fashions might be for them.

This recent scourge of slack-clad women who parade the streets of Columbus and Fort Benning is a particular affront to those who ask for nothing more than femininity in womenfolk. What mad impulse gave it impetus is unknown, nor whence the fashion originated. There are no defense industries in Columbus that call for women's appearance in functional uniform of slacks. Columbus is not a resort town, so the need for casual sport wear is misplaced.

Not one in the dozens observed were pressed and neat. They were crumpled and baggy, both at the knee and posterior regions, all sorts of shoes, including high heels added discord to the bright cotton socks that showed as the trouser leg flapped against the ankle, all manner of coats from casual to fitted and fur-trimmed that were tight or sloppily loose. Maybe the girls wore them because of the cold, a conceivable excuse to keep the legs warm.

One model was a honey to curl the pages of Vogue. The slacks were of that stripped denim of farmette style. The material was the kind from which overalls were made up for the important railroad men who clink hammer against train wheels. A shrunken, tightly buttoned red sweater completed the garment. Will Hayes would have worried about this sweater: she

was pressing their sister shoppers' thoughts and as our President's wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, has written, their neighbors will find them out. They shall indeed be marked so long as they live among us as unworthy and selfish women.

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

By S-SGT. TOM McDONALD

Today is somewhat different recruits arrived: Uncle Eldridge would gather them together and tell them with great tenderness and remorse that his old friend Corporal Tweedy had just died a hero's death at 98 years of age was lying quietly on his death bed. Most of our family and Uncle's creditors were gathered around for the final meeting. With a look of extreme anxiety, my Aunt Minnie leaned over to kiss him farewell and Uncle Eldridge turned over and died.

A few minutes later some representatives of draft board No. 2 arrived with the news that Uncle's number had come up. They immediately set in to give him a physical examination and upon finding the body still warm they ordered him to report to Ft. Bragg for induction.

After going through the induction procedure and arriving at the Reception Center, he was immediately promoted to sergeant, when they learned of his intensive military experience. Uncle had been a bugler in the Civil War, a rest room orderly in the Spanish American War, a Pfc. in the World War, and had almost managed to be a man in the Spanish Civil War, but had been reclassified by Aunt Minnie.

Uncle Eldridge's job at the reception center was to take charge of the new recruits and see that they were always available when they were needed. After comparing notes with the other Non-Coms, Uncle realized that the remuneration of this position exceeded his wildest dreams. Being an old gambler, he immediately caught on to the routine.

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never to tell any one to be good. For that was the constant admonition of his youthful days. His parents no doubt meant well but to constantly remind of goodness became very wearisome.

In after years he must have changed his mind for he came to understand that goodness was worth while. Now I suppose no two persons could agree as to what is meant by goodness. However, that is true of many things. Patriotism is difficult of definition. But when we look on the life of Washington, we know what patriotism means. We need no explanation.

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USO Presents— A FAREWELL TO H. J. "POP" SIMS AND A "TRY, TRY AGAIN" STORY

By Cpl. Solomon S. Kleindorf

Last night at the USO-Salvation Army Club in Phenix City a spaghetti dinner was given for men of the 505th and OCS. . . . This

was the first of its kind at this Aid with the following story:

About two months ago, a young fellow in civilian clothes turned up at the office of the Travelers Aid, with the following story:

He, Jimmy Lee, had come to Columbus to "sign up" with the Army. He was 17 years old and, it would be no such obligation. For the directors feel that this was a weekly feature. . . .

This coming Sunday, his parents to let him go, as he alread had two older brothers in the Armed Forces. After lot of brooding, Jimmy was finally allowed to enlist and proceed to Columbus, which was the nearest recruiting station, only to find that the army would not take him until he was 18. He then tried the Marine Corps. . . .

It seems that there is a malicious rumor going around about the Club in P. C. . . . The rumor states that this club is off limits to officer candidates. . . . This is not true—the club is open to any service man. Please help the club to combat this rumor by telling your friends and having them pass it on.

. . . by wearing the garb of the citizen when he reviews the Army or Navy of the United States, the commander-in-chief enhances the dignity of the uniforms of the armed forces, for in a democracy the uniform is the symbol not of tyranny or dictatorship but of service on the part of free men in the preservation of the ideals and the protection of the homes of free people."

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Benning Walt Winchell Now on Overseas Duty

General Harding
Once Served
In Infantry School

A major general on duty in command of American troops overseas only a few years had the popular title of "the Walter Winchell of Fort Benning," according to an article in the current issue of the New Yorker.

In sketching the life of Maj. Gen. Edwin Forrest Harding, the New Yorker article told of General Harding's work on the staff of the Fort Benning Infantry School.

After relating his early military experiences after his graduation from West Point Military Academy, the New Yorker had this to say about the former Fort Benning officer:

"American Army officers do not usually spend more than a few consecutive years in foreign service and accordingly in 1927, Major Harding sailed back from China after turning over his battalion to Joseph W. Stillwell, then a major."

MINOR TACTICS

"After a leave of a few months, Major Harding was finally assigned to the Infantry School at Benning, Staff School and then to the General Staff School at Leavenworth. Upon graduating from there, he was assigned to the Infantry School as chief of the military history and publications section."

"Among the publications his section got out was a textbook called 'Infantry in Battle' which it took a small army of authors and editors three years to produce and which was devoted to the presentation of examples, discussions and analyses of minor tactics."

"George C. Marshall, then a lieutenant general, who had returned from China the same year as Harding and had become assistant commandant of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, approved. He said, 'I think it is important that this book should be based on actual combat experiences.'

"In addition to getting out publications of a rather solemn nature, Major Harding operated extracurricularly as the conductor of a frivolous column in the post newspaper, which earned him the title of the 'Walter Winchell of Fort Benning.'

Many officers and men who have been at Fort Benning for several years will recall the era in which General Marshall and General Harding were at Fort Benning.

World War Vet Seeks Commission, Won Purple Heart

Just because he was a private in World War I hasn't deterred Candidate Frank W. Barnes of the Ninth Company, First Student Training Regiment from endeavoring to be offered an commission in the Army. It is his distinction to be one of the World War veterans in the Infantry Officer Candidate School.

The candidate was attached to the Fourth Division, 39th Infantry, Combat Intelligence, as a scout and was sent to France in the Alsace offensive at Chateau-Thierry, Aisne-Marne, Meuse Argonne, Verdun, and Velse. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being bayoneted at Chateau-Thierry. In addition to this wound, he was gassed twice. After serving in France for a year, he returned to America in 1918 as a casualty. Once should have been enough!"

Candidate Barnes, 44 and the father of two boys, left his home in Alexandria, Ind., last February to try his pitch in this war. Since Frank Barnes, hope is that the last time we'll have to beat them. Once should have been enough!"

Johnny Rizzo, the ex-Cleveland Rubber Man, one of the most feared of all heavyweights, is attached to the 46th C. A. at Camp Davis, N. C.

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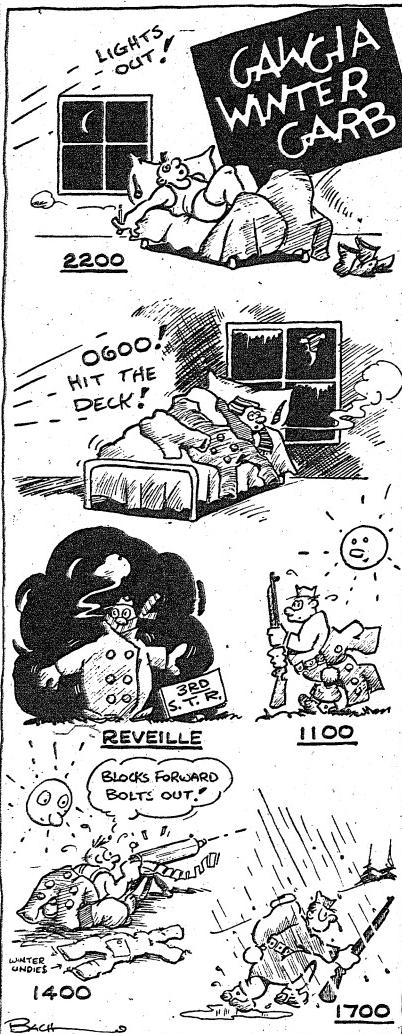
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TIS Regiment Nears Perfect Insurance Mark

Concerted Drive To Be Launched By Break-Throughs

Enlisted personnel of the 117th Infantry Regiment who draw dependency allotments have scored a near-perfect record in purchasing National Service Life Insurance in response to an "all out" campaign launched by regimental officers to encourage the men to buy in the insurance.

Colonel Grant A. Schleicher, commanding officer of the Regiment, disclosed that more than 1,500 enlisted men in the regiment who draw dependency allotments have each purchased at least a \$500 policy of National Service Insurance.

"Only eleven men who draw allotments do not have insurance yet," Col. Schleicher said. "However, these eleven have not bought yet. We expect to have a 100 percent record when men are told of the value of insurance."

AVARAGE POLICY \$7,500

Of the 1,500 troops with dependents who invest in insurance, each has at least \$5,000 policy. Col. Schleicher said that the average is \$7,500.

Shorts a concerted drive will be made to encourage all men in the regiment to take out insurance. Col. Schleicher stated that with insurance officers in each company, each soldier contacts an individual and tells him how to score the greatest number of bulls eyes during training and is considered by his classmates a definite threat to any enemy crew.

One insurance officer in the regiment, Col. Schleicher recalled today, sold more than \$500,000 worth of insurance in one evening.

The officer, who formerly was an insurance salesman in civilian life, Col. Schleicher said, pointed out that he certainly wished he could have sold such tidy amounts in one evening's work as a civilian and reap the commissions.

Yule Mail Rush 'Post' Mortem Has Drole Angle

Now that the ache in the postman's bunion has begun to subside, a humorous story or two are forthcoming from the meted kitchen as the postman rush.

At Ft. Benning, Student Training Regiment's Fourth Company has a mail clerk who collects tales regarding public mayhem of soldiers' addresses. His most recent specimen was bagged in the Casualty Treatment's orderly room.

"A friend of mine," he declared, "was beating his gums about a letter he had received from a civilian admirer. He had written several notes to the unknown address and placed on each one a postscript letter. One day he got a query wanting to know what he was doing in a 'casual ditch.' 'Brrrrrrr, it's tough on us guys that strike most trainees just before the first leap into thin air,' he wrote. 'I am caught in a second nature and the natural thing for me to do, I stood up, then collapsed to my knees from weakness and joy that I was back on the ground with no injury. Then the perspiration began to flow and I was drenched in one minute's time.'

"Off the record, Colonel, I fought the hardest battle in my life. I conquered fear because nothing but will power drove me through that door. But it was worth it and I'm with the swellest group of men and officers in the world."

"Then suddenly the ground rose up and seemed to almost hit me in the face. I was right behind it. I didn't die again. I was caught but made an old football tumble which was second nature and the natural thing for me to do. I stood up, then collapsed to my knees from weakness and joy that I was back on the ground with no injury. Then the perspiration began to flow and I was drenched in one minute's time.'

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90th Recons Go Over The Top In Bond Drive

The 90th Reconnaissance Battalion of the 10th Armored Division can now boast of complete success in its "War Bond Drive." The record per cent sales was the goal attained last week by the 30th Armored in the sale of war bonds.

The success is due to the untiring efforts of Lt. Col. Cornelius A. Lichie, battalion commander, and the personal appearance of Captain Ferguson, Army radio star who started the drive when she was guest of the Recons at a war bond luncheon held several months ago.

In the course of the drive two men came to the Personnel Adjutant and said they would like to make allotments, but were not allowed to do so. "But we can put aside at least the minimum of a dollar and a quarter," the officer asked. No, they couldn't do it. They had already bought the limit: paid out \$7,500.00 for \$10,000.00 in bonds, the maximum permitted by law. One of the men, Technical Sgt. Albert T. Brown, a son of Private Kyle T. Brown of "D" Company.

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Lawson Bombsight

By CPL E. N. FUSILLO

That the soldiers who leave Lawson Field for technical or officer candidate schools rank high among the applicants is well known. The soldiers who recently attended the Airplane Mechanics School at Keesler Field, Miss., were in the first five out of a class of over seven.

Sgt. Robert L. Rhodes, who is now assigned to the 117th Infantry Regiment, has drawn dependency allotments and has scored a near-perfect record in purchasing National Service Life Insurance in response to an "all out" campaign launched by regimental officers to encourage the men to buy in the insurance.

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Three other soldiers from the Field attended the school. They are Sgts. Paul G. Schert, Stanley E. Geewicz, Alert Crew, and Cpl. Edward Chinur, base engineering.

The soldiers who went to the school were members of the 54th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron commanded by Major George W. Gorman.

GUNNERY SCHOOL

At the Harlingen Army Gunnery School, Lawson Field's aerial gunnery candidates are also proving their worth. Sgts. William G. Lileenthal, Jr., Heath Station, Ernest Phillips and Otto W. Simons left the 7th Observation Squadron to attend this school.

Assigned to the Third Training Squadron at HAGS, Sgts. Stalon and Leinenthal were among the top gunnery students and each received a Route-step diploma with distinction.

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While at Harlingen, the "gunners" appeared in the motion picture "Action Gunnery" filmed there with Chester Morris and Richard Arlen.

NEW FLIGHT OFFICERS

The following flying sergeants of the 5th Troop Carrier Squadron have been appointed Flight Staff: Sgts. R. E. Perez, J. A. Serrato, C. L. Gray, J. L. Hemphill, J. A. Copprey, R. T. Worthington and W. A. Pouncey.

Carlson-Worthington

The marriage of Flight Officer R. T. Worthington of the 5th Troop Carrier Squadron to Miss Doris Carlson of Hobart, Indiana, took place here "on the Hill on the Hill." Flight Officer and Mrs. J. A. Scriver were the attendants for the bride and groom.

Chaplain Floyd S. Smith of the 5th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron performed the ceremony.

The couple will make their home at 1711-39th street, Columbus, Ga.

STANDING INVITATION

Pvt. Edith W. Work of 4th Company, 1st Battalion, never does get back to New York, he will proceed directly to the famed Stork Club. It seems that "Wozy" read a magazine article about Sherman Billingsley, colorful professor of the Stork. He was so intrigued, he wired to Mr. Billingsley, reporting that he hoped

he might be able to follow this feud between Roger and Route-step.

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Two Salvation Army workers at the canteen managed to bake a batch of real American doughnuts. Facilities were limited. Output was slow. Men waited in line, awaiting their turn.

The trick worked. Spirits were lifted, and the doughnut has been the mainstay of all Americans under arms since.

TRIO PROMOTED

Three officers were recently promoted to a higher rank in the First STR. They are 1st Lt. Capt. J. Ivey to the grade of captain; 2d Lts. Rex H. Blankenship and Eugene H. Cavin to the rank of 1st lieutenants.

Careful not to reveal even the most insignificant matters, such as piecing suit information together with that obtained elsewhere, the enemy may learn something of the greatest importance.

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Sportscasting

BY SGT. CARL NEU.

At this point in the basketball campaign, there is little doubt but that those rampageous tossers of the 507th Parachute are the best quintet in the reservation. They have racked up eight straight wins over soldier, collegiate and civilian fives and impressed everyone with their scoring power and finesse. Last week-end, they really hit their stride when they bowled over the Auburn Tigers on Friday night by a 48-29 score, and then returned to the post the very next night to take the measure of the 29th Infantry, defending post champs, by a 43-33 count.

In fairness to all concerned, of course, it must be stated that the Two-Niners were not quite ready for top-flight opposition. Several of their hold over stars had been out to practice for only a few days, and they did not exhibit the calibre of play Saturday that carried them to post laurels last winter. However, the 507th looked red hot and deserved to win, although the triumph was a costly one, in that they lost the services of Harmon (Tex) Walters-for at least a month.

Walters is the former Elce Institute star who played on last year's co-champs of the Southwestern Conference. He has paced the chutists in scoring in every game, and tallied eleven markers at Auburn and ten against the Blue Devils. Near the end of the tilt, however, he slipped in a scrimmage and badly damaged his ankle. This week, the injured member was as big as my thumb, and medics have advised him to stay off the court for at least a month.

Some may have wondered why such a powerful quint as the 507th is not in the Fort Benning Conference. The reason is simple. Conference rules state that only one officer may play at a time, and in order to keep their strongest combine on the court, the Spiders from over Alabama way must use at least two commissioned men in the line-up. Lieutenant Karl Lillig, their coach, and Stan Ardziewski are the backbone of the defense at their guard slots. The other three starters, Walters, Slim Stout, and Scott are enlisted men. At any rate that's what kept the chutists from the conference. Hats off to Benning 507 right now, though, because they are the hottest five at Benning.

Rickey Battinelli, the handball ace from the 29th Infantry, gave a splendid account of himself in his challenge match with Joe Goldsmith on Sunday night, even though he lost by scores of 21-11, 21-11, and 21-15. Goldsmith, you know, is currently half of the national doubles champion team of Goldsmith and Gordon in four-wall play. He is generally rated as one of the best in the country, and had expected to trounce Battinelli by run-away scores.

But the big O. C. from the 2nd STR hadn't reckoned with plucky little Batt's skill, and was pleasantly surprised at the competition he received from the Two-Niner who had never played the four-wall game before he came to Benning. So impressed was Goldsmith, that he has even suggested having Battinelli team up with him for doubles play at the war's end. The lads are going to play again tonight in a two-game match on the post courts behind the gym, and Battinelli is hoping to give the O. C. flash even a better battle than on Sunday.

Benning lost its number one bowler last week when 1st Lieut. Henry Boudreux was transferred to another station. The popular M. P. Chief has ranked high in both post and city hardcourt circles for several years when he served here as a master sergeant. He has frequently travelled to national tournaments and returned to Benning with titles, and has also placed high in crack competition.

Just last winter, Boudreux, teamed with Sgt. Ledford Calser at New Orleans to gain fifth in the Southeastern doubles, and he also grabbed fifth place in the all-events scoring. Later he captured the post doubles crown along with Lieut. Perry O'Donnell. This year, early in the fall, Boudreux posted a 269 score on the post alleys, and it still stands as the best score of the campaign. We hate to see him go, because he has helped Benning's fame a lot in the pin game.

Out in the 2nd STR, they are bemoaning the fact that they can't collect all their top-flight court stars on one team, because a good many of them, of course, are officer candidates. So the editors of the Pine-Bur, the regimental paper, decided to pick a mythical all-star student quint for the regiment, and in so doing, they discovered some pretty impressive court talent.

At one forward, they list Andy Smith, who played for the Wisconsin Badgers in 1938 and 1939 and made the Big Ten's all-star team. The other forward is Will O'Rourke, a pro star from New York-Pennsylvania circuit, who holds every sort of scoring record up that way. Clarence Buckley, the pivot selection, was an AAC star in West Virginia, and during the 1937 tourney at Denver was selected on an all-star five. Henry Brown and George Fox were listed as guards. Brown was a West Virginia collegiate ace, and captained the Mountaineers, while Fox used to toss 'em through the hoop for Fordham's Rams. The Pine-Bur is now trying to arrange a game between this all-star quint and the Leaders, representatives of the regiment in the Fort Benning Conference. Good idea.

BAYONET TIPS—Have just heard that J. D. Thomason, well-known Columbus grid official, who worked several Benning tilts this past fall, is now a private at Camp Crowder, Mo. At least he should be used to Army sports after his experiences at Benning. . . . Congratulations to Len Belin, the hard-working and likeable athlete of the 12th Gators who played first sack in baseball and left end in football. He's now a first sergeant in the Harmony Church outfit. . . . Tip-of-the-week to Tippy Friedman, 24th court ace, who raked up 18 points in the first loop game after having had only two practice sessions with the team. . . . And that's the sports for now.

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Upsets Mark Opening Of Court Leagues

Artillery Fives Win Openers In Sand Hill Loop

Service And 90th Recon Quintets on Top In Cusseta Circuit

The 420th F. A. Bn., 419th F. A. Bn., Service Company and the 90th Armored Reconnaissance Battalion blew the lid on the opening night of the 10th Annual Divisions Sand Hill and Cusseta Leagues on Monday night at the Harmony Church sports arena as they came through with impressive victories that thrilled basketball fans who were on hand to boost their teams.

SANDBERG LEAGUE

In the Sand Hill League, the 420th F. A. Bn. led off with a 28 to 24 victory over the 11th Armored Regiment that was packed with thrill and some mighty good play. The Field Artillery boys held an 18-10 lead at the half and were never in danger. Lewis was high scorer for the F. A. with 14 points while Rowlands chalked up 10 points for the Tankers.

With the score tied 12 to 12 at the half, the 419th F. A. pulled away from the 11th Infantry and won by 25 to 23 in a rip-roaring game. It was a nip and tuck affair with all members of both teams hitting the bucket.

CUSSETTA LEAGUE

Both games in the Cusseta League were walk-aways as the Redskins trampled the 11th Signal Company 46 to 16. The Redskins won 18 to 8 at the half and continued to drop in the points all through the second half to win out by a ten point margin. Herkles and Lubisch were leading scorers for the Redskins while Haiger shined in the second half for the Signal team.

Service Company went wild in a scoring spree in the second half as they mauled the 80th Medics to the tune of 31 to 16. With the score tied all at half time, the Service team held its own, rolled on field goal during the second half to win out by the biggest margin of the evening. Perry and Schapiro led the Service team in scoring with 12 and 10 points respectively while Russel slipped in 7 points for the Medics.

Star Fencer In ISSC Regiment

Nino Maniaci Captured 1939 World's Fair Title

There's a corporal in the Infantry School Service Command who is a fencer of national repute. He is Nino Maniaci, foil and sabre champion at the New York World's Fair in 1939.

Maniaci has a long record of achievement in the fencing game, and hopes to continue it at Fort Benning. He now has plans underway to form a nine-man team in the Academic unit, and has offered to give instruction to recruits.

STARTED AT 15

The fencer started his career when he was only a lad of 15 by winning the Senior Boys' Club title in New York in 1931. The next year he captained the fencing team at New York's Textile High school which won the city title.

In 1935, Maniaci won a scholarship and studied the finer arts of bushwhacking the foil and sabre.

He joined the Italian American National Olympic Championships, the National Foils and several other competitions.

In addition to these achievements, Maniaci has also coached a number of high school and YMCA fencers. He is a member of the New York City, and has directed championship matches throughout the East, including the national championships held at the New York Athletic Club.

Lawson Field Downs Nehi Quintet, 56-45

Led by Arvid Hall and William Metcalfe with 18 and 17 points respectively, the Lawson Field fliers defeated a strong Nehi team from Columbus, 56-45 at the post gym last night. Nehi, however, had such players as Elmer Riddle, famous pitcher of the Cincinnati Reds, and Junior Wilson, star player from Jordan High.

High scorer for the Nehi Reds was Junior Wilson with 17 points. The Nehi aggregation started the first quarter to lead 16-9. Lawson Field making most of their opportunities count went into a half-time lead of 24-22. With Hall, Metcalfe, and Horn setting the pace the Fliers moved well out in front in the second half with a final score of 56-45.

LAWSON FIELD (56).....G. F. P. Metcalfe 18; Hall 17; Horn 15; Henderson 12; Hall 12; Crow 12.

Totals (45) 26; F. P. Wilson 17; Riddle 15; Bragg 12; H. C. Corley 10; Hanes 9; Powers 4; Fowden 4.

Total 56-45.



FORT BENNING CONFERENCE TEAMS opened with plenty of fast action on Tuesday night. Here is a shot taken in the post gym which shows Dornich (15) of the 17th Breakers leaping for a rebound. Coming up fast to surround him are Stolarczyk (18), Ilutczik (18) and Krezewski (20) of the 29th Blue Devils. At the left is Darin (22) also of the 17th quint which bowed to last year's champs by a 48-39 count. (Signal Lab Photo by Stock.)

Tex Walters Scores 20 Points As 507th Quint Tops Nehi

Bobby Sylvester Outpoints Thompson In 505th Battle

The long time argument between the First and Second Battalions of the 505th Infantry as to which unit housed the regimental boxing champion, was settled Friday night when Sgt. Bobby Sylvester of the First won a unanimous decision over a much younger Sgt. Tommy Thompson of the Second.

The bout was fast and hard played all the way, with the Nehi Reds holding the chutists in check for three quarters. The city five stayed at the start, but fell behind by an 18-13 count at intermission. The Reds then rallied to knot the count just before the final canto opened.

Sylvester, who weighed in at 148, had Thompson (165) on the mat eleven times, including three in the final canto. Reportedly, Thompson was holding on at his best but was still gamely on his feet.

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FC: Ernie Derho, of Ft. Bliss, Tex., won the welterweight championship of the State of Texas recently when he took a clean-cut decision over Midlet Mexico, former titleholder, and also over Perry King. Derho said, "The Texas State title is just going to be the stepping stone for me on my way to the world's crown!"

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The City College of New York basketeers, coached by Nat Holman, avenged a 51-0 football trouncing by Ft. Totten, N. Y., by defeating the soldiers 67-42 on the field of honor.

City College held a half-time lead of 38-18. High scorer for the winners was Finestone with 21 points. Fullam, Ft. Totten center, led the losers with 18 points.

Dr. Mal Stevens, former head coach at Yale and New York Universities, was sworn into the U. S. Navy Medical Corps as a Lieutenant Commander last week.

Stevens took the field from Lt. Gordon, head student manager of one of the Yale football teams coached by Stevens.

The Camp Grant (Ill.) Warriors, an All-American line-up of former college basketball stars, defeated the Ft. Sheridan (Ill.) Hoopers, last week, 58-53.

Herchheimer, former Iowa State Teachers, flash, gathered 12 points; Hogan, former Loyola counter, tallied 10 points; Fullam, Ft. Totten, 11; and Sakakura of DePaul registered another 10 to lead in the scalping treatment.

Harold Gower, well known to the Army and to the public, has joined the 12th Gators.

Gower, who weighed in at 148, has entered the Army and is now stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va.

After completing his basic training, Gower hopes to be transferred to a permanent station.

Gower will attempt to get over to his fellow fighters (he's a member of the team, too) all the points he has picked up during his stellar career in the ring.

Between them and the nation's best, the Nehi fencers, it looks like a repeat performance of last year, when the Devils were champs of the post.

Others on the team are Captain W. H. Bloom, Pvt. Willis, Pvt. Loggins, Pvt. Cardinale, Pvt. Plummer, Sgt. Munsey and Pvt. Cruz.

Al Coccozo, 200-pound socket from the Medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Polk, La., in the 12th Gators, is the latest to lead in the scalping treatment.

Cpl. Inserra of Co. K, middleweight champ of last year and this, who has not lost a fight since dropping his last defeat in his first fight early in '42, has not yet come out for the team but is expected shortly. He's a great fighter, with a terrific right hand and should strengthen the team considerably.

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Max Loefler, Foshard II basketball star, is now shooting for the "gold bars" at Officer Candidate School, Camp Davis, N. C.

As key man on the Ram five for two years, Loefler ranked high in national scoring honors before his enlistment in the Army.

The Second Air Force gridders of Spokane, Wash., captured the West Coast Air Force football title with a 26-13 victory over a hard-fighting, but outclassed March Field (Cal.) team recently. The gridders closed the regular season with 10 victories, no defeats and 6-6 tie with Washington State.

The nephew of former World's Champion James J. Corbett is now stationed at Ft. Bliss, Tex.

His name is PFC Chesley S. Corbett and he bears a striking resemblance to his uncle, "Gentleman Jim."

The special service office also announced this week the following men as the new members of the divisional featherweight, flyweight, and middleweight divisions:

Pvt. G. A. Gunn, Cannon Company; welterweight, Pfc. B. F. Parks, 2nd Bn. Hu. Co.; light heavyweight, Pfc. W. H. Corley, 2nd Inf. Co.; middleweight, Pfc. J. W. Whittington, Company F; heavyweight, Pfc. J. W. Whittington, Company F.

Cpl. Gunna Bolts got off an 80-yard punt for the Camp Pickett (Va.) Warriors in the last game of the season against the Roanoke All-Stars, which the soldiers coped 26-0.

Sgt. Ed Sheehan, who formerly played ball for the New York Yankees, is starting at Camp Pickett (Va.). Sheehan has also played with the International, Cotton States, the "3-I" and Piedmont Leagues.

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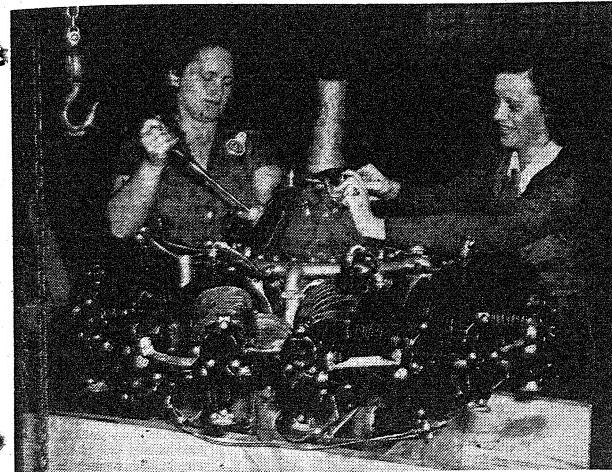
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DAILY DUTIES of Mrs. Mary J. Vogel (left) and Miss Hazel M. Taylor include repairing and checking airplane engines and parts. They are both employed as mechanics at Lawson field sub-depot. (Signal lab. photo by Korneier.)

Girls Do Manual Labor While Hubbies Fight Foe

100 Women Working at Lawson As Riveters, Mechanics, Welders

While their husbands and sweethearts are off to war, approximately 100 women at Lawson Field Sub-Depot are helping to win the battles on the home front.

Employed as trainees, they are understanding jobs in riveting, at these jobs were qualified for office work, the major replied. Specifically, yet again, they feel their work is more productive and shows a greater opportunity for sharing in the war effort. Many leave offices to be trainees."

At present there are seven women attending trade school in Nashville. Here they are pursuing a 12 to 14 week course in mechanics and, upon completion of these courses, they return to the sub-depot, relieving more men for army duty, and become mechanic helpers. As trainees the women work 40 hour weeks, however, as mechanic helpers work weeks will be increased to 48 hours.

Women have been employed at the sub-depot since December 1, of last year and the experiment has proven the high value of female labor. Even their physical stature is an asset in aircraft adjustment and repair, allowing them to work in smaller spaces.

We do not have dressed female mechanics wearing skirts. Furthermore, our ladies are not afraid to get their hands and feet dirty."

SERVICE WHERE NEEDED

When asked if women working "They are not practical."

Four Rookies and Mess Sergeant High Scorers

There were six pistol teams on the line at the Tenth Armored's Pistol Range for the rapid fire and dueling competition held last week.

That in itself was not unusual, since every pistol meet up to this time had at least that many teams.

However, if anyone had taken the time to investigate the past history of the team members, they would have noticed one outstanding feature concerning the group from Maintenance Company, Eleventh Armored Regiment.

The company roster reads something like this:

S-Sgt. Nick Robb—mess sergeant.

T-Sgt. Bennie K. Wallace — recruit.

Pvt. Herbert H. Bolen—recruit.

Pvt. Eugene C. King—recruit.

Two weeks ago three of these men had never held a pistol yet to come through the competition's high score of 10 points.

FAST WORK

The fact bears testimony to the high quality training now being administered to the Tenth Armored.

Company D, Eleventh Armored Regiment, kept their pistols warm by plenty of rapid firing, making some tight groups and coming up with a score of eight points after the first two days.

On Company D's team were men whose names are familiar by this time to all followers of "Tiger" pistol matches—S-Sgt. Joe Ataway, Sgt. Winston A. Heath, S-Sgt. Joseph F. Kalouski, Sgt. Ed-
gar Knight, and T-5 James E. Swanson.

Company E, Third Armored Regi-

ment, came out on the top side in their match with seven points.

Team members were: First Sgt. Alvin Martina, T-4 Amos E. Dan-

ford, T-5 John S. Poltowski, Pvt. William G. Frederas and Pvt.

Daniel E. Swanson.

Winning teams were awarded framed photographs of the team, organization day rooms, a copy of the photo and a two day pass for each team member.

Carrier

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of war, in the various patrols organizations, two men in each communications section now are being trained as expert pigeon handlers. Special equipment has been designed, some of it by Lt. Lehman, working with Army experts from Washington, to aid pigeons to be dropped from airplanes over beleaguered troops so that they can send back messages.

SPECIALIZED JOE

Raising and training pigeons is especially specialized a job as that of raising and training horses.

It is Lt. Lehman's ambition to have every man going through training, and especially those going through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, to learn how to handle a pigeon and to release it properly.

"The birds are highly specialized creatures and if released in the Army,

COL. RICHARD MCKEE

Col. McKee Heads 300th Infantry

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through the ranks until he was commissioned in 1927. He com-

manded a rifle company, battal-

ion headquarters company, and

was named Regimental S-2 of the

124th in 1940.

He was promoted to captain in

early 1941, and left Camp Bland-

ing with the 124th to go on the

Louisiana and Carolina maneu-

vers. After the 124th came to

Benning as a demonstration regi-

ment, Col. Long was made Regi-

mental S-3, and promoted to

major in April, 1942. He came to

the 300th as executive officer

in December, and shortly after-

ward was promoted to lieutenant

colonel.

Their training begins almost im-

mediately upon weapon and

ammunition training, and is based

on both legs. They are taught

immediately to recognize signals

such as various whistles, the rat-

ing of a feed tin for chow time,

and so on, and are taught to

"trap" or find their way into the

long, dark, dark trail.

After that "induction period" of

training here at Ft. Benning they

are sent out to combat units where

they are given training in fly-

ing and finding their way to

mobile units.

NEW LIFE ON WAY

And these new mobile units that

have been developed recently by

the Army are something brand

new, too. Now a truck can haul

several of them where previously

it required a 2 1/2 ton truck to

haul a lot. Some of the new

units are expected to be received

within a few weeks.

In actual tests, the birds have

flew 1,500 miles, and can easily

cover 600 miles in a day. In ac-

tual practice however, the Army

tries not to use the mobile units

too far or three hundred miles. All

of the birds are identified by

their bands, so that even if a mes-

sage should be lost or shot off

the bird's leg, the return of a

bird to its original home is in

expectation for assistance. This

is especially valuable in cases

of ships on coastal patrol, be-

cause the return of a bird, even

without a message, can only mean

that the ship is in distress and

the approximate position of such

a ship is known in all times so that

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U. S. Moves To Restrict Overseas Mail

Drastic restrictions on the shipment of packages, magazines, and newspapers to soldiers overseas were contained in postal regulations received by Superintendent R. M. Johnson of the Columbus post office today.

Beginning January 15 no more packages for foreign shipment will be accepted unless the item has been specifically requested by the soldier, and the request approved by his commanding officer. This is due to the enormous amount of space used to transport packages, and its need for other purposes.

In order to send approved packages, the request with the commanding officer's approval must be presented at the post office. Each package must not exceed five pounds, and the bundle may not be more than 15 inches in length. Newspapers and magazines may be sent only if the soldier is a regular subscriber, and must be handled through the publisher. Absolutely no personal material will be forwarded through Army post office addresses.

LETTERS OKED

Letters from the fighting man's family and friends will continue to be received, and will always be welcome, added Mr. Richardson. Airmail letters, however, will be handled as standard mail within continental United States to ports of embarkation. Further air transmittal will depend on facilities and space. Normally V-mail will be the only airmail troops overseas. Going into more detail, Mr. Richardson said that mail for overseas delivery will consist of letters, post cards, and valuable papers were the only articles which would be registered. Senders are cautioned against enclosing cash money and were advised to use money orders.

He said the new regulations had been adopted because of recent World War II survey revealed cargo space equivalent to three 11,000-ton Liberty ships was used to transport mail overseas in November. Quoting Secretary of War Stimson, Mr. Richardson said, "With the steady expansion of our forces overseas, we present a problem of pressing and ever growing importance. If the volume continued to increase at the present rate, we would need 25 ships of 11,000 tons just to carry mail by the end of this year."

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Specialist Claims Poor Care As Cause Of "Athlete's Foot"

Improper care of the feet, rather than contagion, appears to be the chief cause for "Athlete's Foot," the skin disability that causes so much discomfort to the nation's armies, according to a report made at Fort Benning by Dr. J. C. Hopkins, specialist and expert of the Medical School of Columbia University.

Dr. Hopkins has been investigating causes and methods of treatment of the disease since 1945, and has treated more than 700 men of the 29th Regi-

ment for this and for other types of skin ailments in making his studies.

The ailment is one of those wherein an ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cure, his studies show, and in many cases, proper care may be a matter of many months.

"The best advice we can offer is to keep the feet dry and thoroughly clean in order to prevent this ailment," he said. "The disease once contracted may linger in the skin for some time after its onset has passed. It is especially desirable not to discontinue treatment too soon."

His findings will be passed on to all units of the Army.

Motorcycles—

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and fuel through elimination of waste.

Consumption of both electricity and natural gas, as well as other fuels, has increased tremendously with the growth of the Fort and all efforts are being made to reduce fuel consumption of all sorts.

Consumers are being asked to determine whether lights are being burned unnecessarily, whether they are burning in vain, certain buildings or partially occupied structures, what machines are operating when not in use, and unauthorized installations may have been made on machines or lights.

At the end of the month, a report will be made by the office of Col. Arthur J. Bain, post engineer, to General Fulton on the consumption of fuel and current usage.

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job," he said. "We hate very much to see him go, but realize he has accepted because he feels it is his duty," he said, and has accepted his re-signation with regret."

Pool—

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cents per machine will be assessed for the registration.

The provost marshal's office has application blanks for Georgia state license plates on hand for drivers in the state.

The Fort Benning office,

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Dispensary 'A' Medicos Strive To Keep Soldiers In Tip-Top Health

Uncle Sam Provides Best Medical Care In World for Servicemen

The health of Fort Benning troops is of paramount importance and much of the work, the planning and the decisions affecting this health emanates from an unpretentious building known as Dispensary A.

Thousands of officers and men at Fort Benning, Dispensary A is the place to go on sick call or for physical examinations or treatment. Few realize that concentrated in the modest 2-story building and its sprawling annexes are hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of medical equipment and professional men representing an equal amount of highly-skilled medical talent.

Most important office located in Dispensary A is that of the post surgeon, Col. William Denton, responsible for the health of every officer and man stationed on the huge military reservation. Stemming out from the office of Colonel Denton are the strings that control the main hospital, the dispensary where even the most elaborate and costly dispensing offices located on the post and in nearby Columbus, and the work of all of the hundreds of medical officers serving with America's fighting men at Fort Benning.

MEDICAL INSPECTOR
Another highly important function housed in the main building of Dispensary A is the medical inspector, Maj. James A. Loveless, whose staff has been responsible for the successful fight against venereal disease in the area surrounding Fort Benning.

Working out of offices in Dispensary A is a third important medical officer, Col. Melville A. Sanderson, post dental surgeon, who supervises the work of keeping soldiers teeth in A1 condition all the time.

Administrative work, however, is only one of the tasks of the medical men of Dispensary A. In the main building is a sick call clinic for officers and their families and a mobile dental unit, consisting of a dental clinic for enlisted men "fit for fighting," as one medical magazine paraphrased, and to the last man at Dispensary the thought is only that their daily work is "just in the line of duty."

10th Armored Units Stage First Mortar Competition

Swinging sharply around a bend in the narrow country road, the leading elements of the advance guard were suddenly met with a hail of fire from several 88 mm. guns.

Immediately the vehicles carrying the mortar squads plunged the road into a well-defined position in a gully near a grassy hilltop.

As the riflemen rushed out to secure the flanks, the squads were already dismounting and setting the mortars in position.

In a matter of minutes the target had been pinned down and the first round of the first part of high explosive and jagged steel was lobbed out over the heads of the enemy, each member of the squad working with clock-like precision.

That was the scene witnessed by many of the senior officers of the 10th Armored Division at its first mortar competition held last Monday.

CO. "C" OF 54TH LEADS

Company C, 54th Armored Infantry Regiment, used their 60 mm. mortars to fire a score of 72, the day's highest.

Company B, 90th Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, followed with a score of 48, also with the 60 mm. mortar, to win the medal with Co. H, 10th, 54th Armored Infantry Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 11th Armored Regiment, was close behind with 44 points, using the 81 mm. mortars.

REAL RESULTS
In spite of the fact that the tactical situation was entirely imaginary, the squads went about their work with greatest zeal, taking cover, seeking cover, and concealment, and putting into practice the lessons learned in classrooms and on the drill field.

Scores were based on techniques and effect on the target, 30 points for technique and 70 points for effect on the target. Each squad was allowed three attempts with the best to destroy their target.

United technique, the following Lt. Gen. Kenneth A. N. Anderson factors were considered: cover for vehicles, individual cover, explanation of the situation by the squad leader, fire order, loading and firing, target breaking, time involved and position.

Unquestionably one of the best adjustments, by Company H, 54th Infantry, was not on the correct target and therefore did not draw full credit.

WINNING SQUAD MEMBERS
Squad members from Co. C, 54th Infantry, were Sgt. Schools, Capt. Swartzmiller, gunner; McCarthy, assistant gunner; Pvt. Benson, first ammunition carrier; Day, second ammunition carrier; Cpl. Norsen, driver and Pvt. Erickson.

Company B, 90th Reconnaissance, was represented by Sgts. Molinski and Kowalski, Pfc. Johnson and Pvt. Cockrell.

From HQ Co., 2nd Bn., 11th Armored Regt., were Sgts. Lowe and Lindsey, and Cpls. Greer and Sibley.

Prizes to winning squads were framed photographs of the squads for the organization day rooms, a copy of the photo for each member of the squad and a two-day pass for all.

It is optional with a service man as to whether he takes the life insurance offered by the government. He may take out the insurance within 120 days of his induction without a medical exam, ed in action."

Walter Cook, Jr., To Graduate From West Point

Among graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point next week will be Cadet Walter H. Cook, Jr., son of Captain and Mrs. W. H. Cook of Fort Benning, it was announced today from the Academy.

Captain Cook is commanding officer of the Supply Detachment at Fort Benning. Cadet Cook was admitted to the Military Academy from the Regular Army at Fort McPherson. At West Point, he was director of the Catholic Choir, a member of the Pointer staff, Honor committee, Glee club and Concert orchestra. He is to be commissioned in the Coast Artillery.

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Heading the list of officers working in the physical examination section is Maj. Melville Slaughter, who is a constant presence at soldiers parades by the keen-eyed medical officers; are examined closely for physical defects, and are classified accordingly. Here too is a dental clinic for enlisted men and another supply-dispensing office for enlisted men.

A recent addition to the activities in the annex is the foot clinic where a staff of civilian medical men are making exhaustive studies of the cause, treatment and nature of soldiers' foot and leg diseases.

All of the medical staff at Dispensary A are physicians and dentists who left long-established practices in cities and towns throughout the nation to serve in the Army. They know the men of the 10th Armored Division, years of experience now being given to keep Army men "fit for fighting," as one medical magazine paraphrased.

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Saturday, Jan. 16

BINGO! Bingo is free. Cigarettes and a drink will be furnished. Come in and join in a few games.

Sunday, Jan. 17

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Tuesday, Jan. 19

LET'S GET IT FORT BENNING—Fun night for all, featuring a game of cards, a record, play ping-pong, pool, checkers, or darts.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Guaranteed good entertainment, so be here at 2000 and help make the program a success.

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Colonel Quin has changed from weight lifting, wrestling and tumbling classes held every Monday night to boxing, which is more popular. These classes are held in the 10th Armored Division's gymnasium in the 10th Armored Division, Come on, men, let's get it!

Sgt. Lucas has been commended by high-ranking Army officers as one of the best records clerks in the service today and his work at Fort Benning has been praised by Lt. Col. J. D. Rosenberg Jr., post adjutant.

When captured and questioned by the enemy do not give the name and number of your organization.

NOT SO many years ago, most of the rubber used in America came from Brazil. Better facilities developed in the East Indies and Asia, however, for getting rubber to market plus development of synthetic plastics practically nullified the Brazilian sources.

Now word comes from Brazil that plans are underfoot there to move 50,000 workers hundreds of miles into the wilds of the Amazon to double Brazil's rubber production.

But after this period another medical exam is necessary. It is offered as a matter of good business and sound protection to the serviceman and his dependents.

An honorable discharge as a soldier in World War I is indicated by a bronze button, with a star and "U. S." in center of star, and a laurel victory wreath entwined about the star. If the wreath is silver, it denotes "wound in action."

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FORT BENNING'S RECEPTION CENTER chorus, directed by Corporal Willis Brown, has been voted the post's outstanding choral group. Composed of about 25 members, the chorus has appeared at many entertainments on the reservation as well as in Columbus. Cpl. Brown is shown above as he directs a group of the singers at a rehearsal (U. S. Army Sig. Corps Photo.)



New Alligator Officer Checks In From Iceland

Holloway Reports
Pretty Blondes.
And Red-Heads.

Watching a destroyer slash right through a U-boat in the cold rough stretches of the North Atlantic was nothing compared to the thrill of stepping off a transport plane onto good solid American earth, in the opinion of Second Lieutenant Cornelius E. Holloway, just assigned to the 124th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning.

Occasion for the thrilling experience was a trip to Iceland where he was stationed for many months, and occasion for the greatest thrill was the return to Fort Benning.

The day brings new thrills to Lieutenant Holloway as for instance reading today's news in today's newspapers, and all the other little things that Americans take for granted.

Iceland is a country of wind-swept valleys and sheet desolate mountains, with constant winds blowing across them, down the great slopes of hay and whip around the thousands of sheep flocking on the slopes," he said today.

"Most of the soldiers who go to Iceland, however, are impressed and more than surprised by the pretty blonde and red-haired girls who are influenced by American styles and customs through having seen so many American men.

ICELANDER PROUD

Iceland, he found, is very proud of its government, a highly developed democracy dating back to 1200 A. D. The Icelanders himself are very proud of their country, too, reluctant to believe that the United States could be so beautiful.

Except for the wind, the climate is surprisingly mild. January is the coldest month of the year, with a low mean temperature just above freezing.

No matter what the weather, however, American soldiers there receive intensive training. The training schedule is welcomed by the men for without it the iron men of the world would soon become decrepit. There is little activity in the towns for the soldiers, he found, but the Red Cross has done a splendid job in canteens and new American movies are on tap for the men. Receiving back home is the greatest morale maintainer, anything on the day's docket, he found.

TEN ENLISTED MEN PROMOTED BY GATORS

Ten enlisted men in the 124th Infantry were promoted this week according to an announcement by Col. John D. Hill, regimental commander.

Promoted to sergeants were com-

petents Henry F. Brand of Jacksonville, Fla.; Lawton P. Allen of Homerville, Georgia; and Kenneth E. Gregory of Miami, Florida.

Five privates first class were promoted to corporals. They are Clarence E. Baumer and Ernest Bergandi of Ft. Pierce, Florida; Robert F. Fargel of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Clement L. Jones of Jacksonville, Florida; and John B. Renk of New Jersey. Privates first class Arthur S. Olcott of Jacksonville, Florida, and James R. Andrews of Green Cove Springs, Florida, were made technicians fifth grade.

A ten-cent-dollar bar with pin stripes at each end denotes the soldier wearing it was in active service before Pearl Harbor, or Dec. 8, 1941. A small star on the bar denotes that the wearer has been in one of the major engagements — Bataan, Corregidor, Coral Sea, or Midway Island battle.

An allotment is a part of the service pay of members of the armed forces which has been deducted from pay and paid to another designated person, as a dependent, etc.

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